

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-70 are pending in the Application, of which claim 46 has been rejected, and 1-45 and 47-70 have been objected to. With this paper, claims 1 and 46 are amended.

I. Claim Objections

Claims 1-70 were objected to because of an informality in claim 1, upon which claims 2-70 depend. The amendment to claim 1 suggested by the Examiner has been made, thereby eliminating the informality.

II. Claim Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claim 46 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter that Applicants regard as the invention. Claim 46 caused indefiniteness because it improperly depended upon claim 47. Claim 46 has been amended to depend upon claim 1, thereby eliminating the indefiniteness.

III. Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-70 were deemed to be otherwise allowable over the closest reference: Kopf-Sill (US 6,001,231).

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Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants believe all the pending claims are in condition for allowance and should be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would in any way expedite the prosecution of the application, please do not hesitate to call the undersigned attorney.

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